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THAI MINISTER BEGINS VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES

Sitthi Arrival

PY191654 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 19 Oct 81

[Text] After arriving at Ezeiza International Airport, Thai Foreign Minister Sitthi Sawetsila made statements to the press. He emphasized that his visit is the result of an invitation made by his counterpart Oscar Camilion and that he hopes, during his stay, to expand relations with our country in the political and economic fields.

Foreign Minister With Viola

PY191656 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish GMT 19 Oct 81

[Text] General Viola held a conversation in his presidential office today with Thai Foreign Minister Sitthi Sawetsila who arrived in this country a few hours ago. At this protocolar meeting the Thai minister was accompanied by Foreign Minister Oscar Camilion.

Presentation of Decoration

PY201227 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 0040 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 19 Oct (TELAM) -- Foreign Minister Oscar Camilion considered it indispensable to make the principle of nonintervention prevail and as a consequence dismiss any possibility of direct or indirect interference which could destabilize and spread crises to areas where the international peace and security would be seriously threatened.

These statements were made last night during a dinner party at San Martin Palace for Thai Foreign Minister Sitthi Sawetsila who is visiting our country.

Regarding the international situation he pointed out that he and the visiting minister had coinciding points of view based on the fact that they both consider man the recipient of the efforts of the states which guarantee his full development within a framework of peace, justice and freedom.

He reiterated what he has asserted at international forums that the Argentine efforts are aimed at attaining disarmament, the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes and the easing of tensions thus avoiding the spreading of the crises which affect some areas of our continent.

He then referred to the Argentine-Thai relationship which is nourished by a mutual desire to increase and develop commercial and cultural exchange. As an example of this desire to strengthen the relationship he mentioned the Aerolineas Argentinas' initiative of a transpolar flight which opens a new and renovating possibility for the establishment of future longitudinal communication systems between Latin America and Asia.

Another proof of the mutual understanding, he stated, will be the signing of a scientific and technical cooperation agreement which undoubtedly will be the tool to seek other agreements which will guarantee the increasing importance which we grant to this new phase of bilateral relations.

During the reception Minister Camilion decorated his Thai counterpart with the Grand Cross of the Order of Libertador San Martin which Sawetsila thanked him for wholeheartedly in a brief speech. The Thai minister pointed out the increasing bilateral relations and referred to the current and previous meetings (?with national authorities).

Sitthi Press Conference

PY211311 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2307 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 20 Oct (TELAM) -- Thai Foreign Minister Sitthi Sawetsila termed his visit to Argentina as very positive and very constructive and disclosed that he had invited his counterpart, Oscar Camilion, to visit his country at a date yet to be arranged.

The Thai minister made these statements during a press conference held this afternoon at the Plaza Hotel during which he expressed his gratitude over the warm welcome Camilion had given him and the chance he had to meet with the president of the nation.

He stated that during his meeting with his Argentine counterpart they had exchanged points of view regarding policy in general and stepping up bilateral relations. He said that they had the opportunity to brief each other on their countries' policies.

Minister Sawetsila, who will leave for Chile tomorrow from where he will return to his country, pointed out the importance of the scientific and technical cooperation agreement, which he and Camilion will sign. He especially noted the points which refer to the cooperation of Argentine experts, in the near future, to help Thailand develop good quality livestock.

In this regard he added that his country plans to import Argentine cattle and that the agreement opens the possibility of carrying out joint experiments on energy alternatives, cooperation in industry and marketing of fish.

He emphasized that he as much as Minister Camilion is especially interested in the exchange of delegations of private businessmen. The Thai minister said that after a visit paid to Argentina by a delegation of his countrymen in March, Thailand is now expecting a return visit by Argentine delegates.

(Danai Tulalamba), deputy commerce minister, who also participated in the meetings, referred to trade exchange between the two countries and pointed out that last year trade between two countries amounted to [words indistinct] million.

He added that his country had mainly imported cotton and aluminum and steel products and that it had sold Argentina textiles and household effects. The deputy minister said that the purpose of this visit was to study other fields open to exchange.

After pointing out that the Argentine initiative to carry out transpolar flights would shorten the distance to Thailand, Minister Sawetsila stated that negotiations for an air connection with Australia and New Zealand are underway and that this would make tourist exchange more feasible.

Changing the subject to Southeast Asian policy he referred to conditions which a Kampuchean peace treaty should take into account, always provided there is UN intervention and free elections for Kampucheans, with the previous international guarantee to respect Kampuchea's independence and neutrality.

MASSERA AGAIN LASHES OUT AT GOVERNMENT

PY202131 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 2103 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 20 Oct (NA) -- Adm Emilio Massera (ret), the former commander in chief of the navy, today stated that the political ban "is causing serious damage to the nation" and he maintained that the government's delay in approving the political parties statute "is a farce."

During a press conference, Massera demanded the prompt approval of the political parties statute. "Regrettably, there are too many deaf people in the government and they are not listening to the claims of the civilian sector; there are 26 million Argentines in this country against 3 or 4 who govern," he added.

TECHNICAL-COMMERCIAL MISSION TO USSR SUCCESSFUL

PY210213 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 2000 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] A technical-commercial Argentine delegation which had traveled to the USSR has returned to Buenos Aires. The delegation, which was headed by Energy Under Secretary Bernardo Bronstein, had gone to the USSR with the purpose of purchasing various materials required by government enterprises like State Gas Corporation, Argentine Railways and YPF [Government Oil Deposits]. Under Secretary Bronstein has reported that the negotiations which were carried out by the mission will be implemented soon. He also said that such negotiations have good prospects for the near future.

[Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS at 2043 GMT on 20 October carries a report on Secretary Bernstein's remarks at Ezeiza Airport, which add that Bernstein said that the participation of the national industry in the provision of supplies to the government enterprises has been preserved, and that Argentina has undertaken the commitment to purchase $50 million worth of goods from the USSR, having thus far bought less than 50 percent of that amount. The report quotes Bernstein as saying that Soviet enterprises were asked to provide "more information to our enterprises" in order to promote trade on a medium-term basis, and that new trade missions will travel to Moscow in the next few months.]

ARGENTINE-PRC TRADE TO INCREASE SAYS PRC OFFICIAL

PY192231 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 2000 GMT 19 Oct 81

[Text] The PRC Machine Building Vice Minister [Yang Keng], who is heading a trade mission that is visiting Cordoba, has said that the exchange with Argentina will grow at an increasingly higher rate in the next few months given the PRC's interest in food production and in Argentine intermediate technology. He also said that the same trend will mark trade between Latin America and the PRC.

CNEA OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON HEAVY WATER AGREEMENT

PY191411 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1438 GMT 16 Oct 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 16 Oct (NA) -- Jose Maria Garcia Bourg, director of the heavy water project of the National Atomic Energy Commission (CNEA), today said that the signing of a safeguard treaty with the IAEA [International Atomic Energy Agency] for producing heavy water in Argentina "dispels any suspicion" about its use, emphasizing that it is "only for absolutely peaceful uses."

Garcia Bourg today returned from a tour of five European countries to verify the state of construction of the equipment for the Arroyito heavy water plant, particularly in Switzerland, the main contractor of the project. During a conversation with reporters at Ezeiza Airport, the CNEA official emphasized his satisfaction at the progress he saw in the fabrication of the equipment also in FRG, Italy and France. He said that the signing of the safeguard treaty means that "all the heavy water production of the Arroyito plant will be under the control of the IAEA to dispel any suspicion regarding its use." He added: "This commitment is guaranteed and controlled. Its use is exclusively for generating electricity. This has traditionally been the use for atomic energy in Argentina."

CGT ISSUES COMMUNIQUE ON ABORTED MEETING

PY191528 Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1120 GMT 17 Oct 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 17 Oct (NA) -- The organizers of the aborted meeting in front of the General Labor Confederation (CGT) Building gave the journalists who were present a communique in which they assert that "the military government's prohibition only ratifies its clearly discriminatory policy which is characterized by its opposition to any popular or national manifestation."

The communique states: "The Justicialist Party's National Council, the 62 Peronist Organizations and the CGT express their sincere gratitude for the patriotic attitude of the great number of fellow partisans who firmly supported the summons to celebrate loyalty day which was not held as scheduled due to impressive police deployment which blocked the access to the CGT building."

The communique ends by stating that "the national Justicialist Movement reiterates its unrenounceable determination to fully struggle for the immediate return of the state of law to definitely establish a just, free and sovereign fatherland."

SIGAUT TALKS TO BANKERS ON UNEMPLOYMENT, ECONOMY

PY191632 Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish 17 Oct 81 p 6

[By special correspondent Daniel Rodriguez]

[Text] San Martin de los Andes -- In accordance with an expected overall contraction of 2 to 3 percent in the GDP for this year, industrial activity will decrease 10 percent, Economy and Finance Minister Lorenzo Sigaut said here during a speech he delivered to the Association of Banks of the Interior of the Argentine Republic (ABIRA).

During the speech, the minister did not make any announcements (except measures to extend the agricultural area). He only discussed current strategy and its possible effects. His speech was not heard by many bankers attending the conference but they did attend the luncheon held prior to the speech. When the bankers were asked why they took this attitude, they said that the answers given by the minister on crucial matters regarding interest rates, refinancing of debts and reforms of the law of financial institutions "do not satisfy the questions asked" and that this was the reason for their lack of interest in listening to the minister's speech.

Sigaut also indicated that "the reactivation of the productive sector will take place in the second quarter of 1982." He then went on to describe the conditions of the Argentine economy in March of this year when this government took over the administration. He particularly discussed the imbalance of the exchange rate and the foreign debt surpassing $30 billion and that half of this debt is due for payment in 180 days.

He recalled that the military government decided not to significantly increase the foreign debt but improve its outlook by extending its deadline.

The minister emphasized that the objectives of the process of national reorganization do not include the establishment of rates fixed by the Central Bank but that the rates are the result of what takes place in other areas of the economy.

Regarding unemployment, Sigaut recognized that there are disagreements with other ministers on the volume of unemployment at this time. He recognized, however, that unemployment went from 2 percent in October 1980 to 4 percent in April 1981 and to 5 percent in June. He noted, however, that positive symptoms of employment have been observed in July and August.

He emphasized that although there are no concrete or official statistics, his knowledge about this matter permits him to confirm that the situation will improve in the next few months.

Asked about whether or not there was a need to implement a policy of a controlled economy, Sigaut said that at no time had the armed forces any desire to control it. On the contrary, he said, an intelligent opening of the economy should be implemented. He emphasized: "We are not going to exchange tomorrow's success for the day after tomorrow's serious problems."

PRESIDENT APPROVES REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPORTS

PY210012 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2340 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Buenos Aires, 20 Oct (TELAM) -- The president today signed Decree 1691/81 that establishes an additional 15 percent reimbursement for all manufactured products that are exported within the next 180 days and which surpass the amount of a base period, which is explained in the measure. This base period is the 1-year period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981, with a minimum of exported goods amounting to $60,000.

VIOLA ASKED TO HELP NORMALIZE BORDER TRADE

PY191820 Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1600 GMT 19 Oct 81

[Text] Formosa -- The Economic Federation of Formosa Province has asked for President Roberto Eduardo Viola's intervention to normalize the border trade between Argentina and Paraguay which was interrupted by Paraguayan officials over 1 month ago. The federation has sent a telegram to the president, explaining the serious economic and social situation caused by the closing of the border traffic in the Clorinda region.

PLAZA DE MAYO MOTHERS PUBLISH MISSING PERSONS LIST

PY191747 Buenos Aires HERALD in English 19 Oct 81 p 9

[Text] (NA) -- A two-page list of 1,878 missing people drawn up by the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo and the relatives of missing people group appeared in yesterday's issue of LA PRENSA. The list, published in "publicity space", also includes the names of 73 missing people in Uruguay -- six children among them, made available by three women representing the Uruguayan mothers. The list, which completely covers pages 8 and 9 of yesterday's LA PRENSA first section, is presented as "the voice of those who have no voice" and is addressed to "the president of the republic, the armed forces, the members of the military junta, the judicial branch."

The list only includes the names of missing people whose abduction has been confirmed for the Mothers of Plaza de Mayo and the relatives of missing people group in the last month. Each of the allegedly missing people named is accompanied by the name and identity card number of the person reporting the disappearance and the date of the reported abduction. The list is introduced by a brief text saying that "our petition must have an answer" and that "they (the missing people) lost their right to speak when they unwillingly disappeared." It also expresses the mothers' desire to find their children alive and receive information on their whereabouts.

LIENDO SEES NO NEW OUTBREAK OF EXTREMISM

PY211319 Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish 20 Oct 81 p 5

[Excerpts] According to reliable sources, Interior Minister Horacio Thomas Liendo categorically denied yesterday before a group of representatives of multinational companies the possibility of a new outbreak of extremism in Argentina. According to the same sources, Minister Liendo also stated that the statute of political parties to be issued in the future and which is under study right now "will seek the formation of few but strong parties." Liendo made these remarks at the speech he delivered on opening the meeting of Business International which will be closed by the president of the republic, Lt Gen Roberto Eduardo Viola (ret) tomorrow. It was revealed at the end of the meeting that Liendo stated that "a new outbreak of terrorism is impossible in Argentina." According to reports released by the same sources, the minister also explained the reasons which had led the military government -- of which he is a member -- to maintain the state of siege in effect. Several times he reaffirmed that order and security currently exist in Argentina.

MAGAZINE WARNS GOVERNMENT NOT TO GET INVOLVED

PY191920 Buenos Aires LINEA in Spanish No 14 Sep 81 p 15

[Editorial by Jose Maria Rosas: "Argentine, Don't Get Mixed Up in It..."

[Except] Up to the date of this commentary the Argentine military leadership had not agreed to go to the Sinai. Let us hope that it will not agree to do so. According to rumors, Galtieri stated, after learning about the Pentagon's demands in Washington, that it is a "political decision because in the strictly military sense there is no problem." Deputy Chaplain Msgr Bonamin, who is well-informed about the military (leadership) way of thinking supported him by stating that "Argentina needs to project itself abroad, we are constantly criticized abroad, so many nasty things are said about us that I think it would be appropriate to ship troops to the Sinai." It seems that the quota of conscripts in the Middle East would be a means to relieve the military government's discredit.

To send our young boys to such a distant and dangerous area such as the Middle East at a time of conflicts in Libya and Iran and which is threatened by Reagan's announced neutron bomb, seems to us too high a prace to pay for the mistakes -- let us call them that -- made by the generals during over 5 years in power. We do not believe that our international desire to serve compels us to help the United States successfully overcome the delicate Camp David problem. And, in any case, we believe it is only fair that the generals and not the conscripts should go to quiet down the nasty things said about us. That prudent and wise phrase "Argentine, don't get mixed up in it..." of Keyserling during Irigoyen's time and World War I comes to our memory, a phrase which should be the motto of our international policy in matters in which our honor would not be involved. And, by the way, it was the patriotic attitude of the military officers, from Lieutenant Colonel Down, who in October 1941 -- more than 40 years ago -- imposed President Castillo's neutrality policy.

BRIEFS

COST OF LIVING INCREASE -- The Finance Ministry has estimated that the increase of the cost of living in October will not exceed 5 percent. [Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 2000 GMT 19 Oct 81 PY]

YPF DEBT -- Under Secretary for Fuels Guillermo Wallbrecher reported yesterday that YPF's [Government Oil Deposits] debts, as of 31 August, amount to $4.5 billion. [Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish 14 Oct 81 p 6 PY]

LOAN FOR POLAND -- Buenos Aires, 7 Oct (NA) -- The Argentine Central Bank today granted a $20 million loan to the Polish "Bank Handlow W Warszawie Sa" bank for financing the purchase of Argentine nontraditional products. The financing will cover up to 85 percent of the price in the case of purchases of capital goods and an 8 and 1/2-year term of repayment; up to 80 percent in the case of purchases of nonperishable and semi-nonperishable goods with a 3-year term of repayment and up to 90 percent in case purchases of technical services. [Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1105 GMT 7 Oct 81 PY]

HEPATITIS, MUMPS CASES -- It has been reported that cases of hepatitis and mumps have occurred in Buenos Aires, mainly among children. It has also been reported that hepatitis cases have occurred in primary schools in Rio Gallegos. [Buenos Aires CRONICA in Spanish 7 Sep 81 p 9 PY]

ARMS FOR BOLIVIA -- Buenos Aires, 8 Oct (NA) -- The executive branch has authorized the Defense Ministry to transter, free of charge, the following artillery materiel to Bolivia: six 75 mm Bofors cannon; 2,000 L40, 75 mm shells; topographic and firing adjustment devices for an artillery battery; instruments fire registration and firing tables for planning and directing the battery fire. [Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish 1417 GMT 8 Oct 81 PY]

PRESIDENT SWEARS IN NEW AIR FORCE COMMANDER

PY200248 La Paz Radio Illimani Network in Spanish 0100 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Bolivian President Celso Torrelio Villa tonight swore in the new air force commander in chief, Gen Natalio Morales Mosquera, thus replacing Gen Waldo Bernal Pereira. The ceremony took place at Government House and was attended by ministers of state and officers of the armed forces.

Upon swearing in the new air force commander and aeronautics minister, President Torrelio Villa said:

[Begin Torrelio recording] We have stated with utter conviction that loyalty, unity and total devotion to military duties and obedience to one's superiors, are the basic principles of the armed forces, which can at no point be forgotten or ignored. [end recording]

President Torrelio urged the members of the armed forces to have military unity and espirit de corps of the highest order.

[Begin Torrelio recording] Thus, on this very special occasion, I wish to urge my comrades of the armed forces and especially those of the air force, to continue setting the example for all of us, so that unity and espirit de corps will provide the basis for our great task of steering the fatherland toward its position of strong, sovereign, free and independent nation. [end recording]

After acknowledging the efforts which Gen Waldo Bernal Pereira had made to improve the air force, the chief of state discussed the difficult times which the nation is experiencing.

[Begin Torrelio recording] At this difficult stage of our history, it is the duty of the armed forces to reaffirm their deep-rooted love for the fatherland and to direct its actions at overcoming these difficult times we are living through, times which, I am sure, will lead to a new dawn for Bolivia. [end recording]

The new commander in chief of the air force expressed his gratitude for President Torrelio's trust in him and praised his predecessor. He then went on to say:

[Begin Morales recording] At this very special moment when history has compelled the armed forces to play a role above and beyond that of the nation's guardian institution by entrusting it with the administration of state affairs, the job of commander in chief of the air forces also entails sharing a task which, though compatible with his functions as air force commander, demands that a great deal of his attention be dedicated to other social or economic problems to ensure that they be resolved to the benefit of the people. [end recording]

Gen Natalio Morales also reaffirmed his dedication to service and his obedience to his superiors.

[Begin Morales recording] I have always been essentially a man of the institution and have avoided nursing personal ambitions other than duly carrying out the orders of my superiors and directing my utmost efforts to enhance the prestige and performance of the institution and of every one of its members. [end recording]

Further on, the commander in chief emphasized the need to struggle against every type of immoral behavior capable of harming the nation's image, with every means available to the state and the armed forces.

[Begin Morales recording] We must dwell on the subject of moral standards, because unfortunately our country has been plunged into an apolcalyptic quagmire stemming, on the one hand, from cocaine trafficking and, on the other hand, from an onslaught on the national treasury as embodied by corruption, shady deals involving people's money and careless handling of public affairs. In the light of this situation harmful to the country, we need the cooperation of the people to free us from drug traffickers, smugglers and wheeler dealers who take advantage of their key positions in public administration or autonomous organizations to get rich. [end recording]

AIR FORCE AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE 52 BELGIAN F-104S

PY211922 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 2132 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] La Paz, 20 Oct (TELAM) -- By a government decree the Bolivian Air Force (FAB) has been authorized to purchase from Belgium 52 F-104 Starfighter aircraft at an approximate value of $70 million.

The decree authorizing the aforementioned purchase was released today and is dated 3 September, that is, 24 hours before Gen Celso Torrelio Villa took over as president of the nation to replace the junta of commanders which was presided over by former Air Force Commander Gen Waldo Bernal Pereira.

The purchase of 52 F-104 planes also includes a new flight simulator, an incomplete flight simulator, 12 new turbines, 12 second-hand turbines, an engine maintenance plant, a lot of spare parts, as well as the training of pilots and technicians by the Belgian company Promotion and Ventures Inc., through its representative in Bolivia, Sudexim Inc.

The Bolivian Central Bank will endorse this purchase through letters of guarantee in favor of the Banque National de Belgique for the sum of $38.4 million and its respective interest at a fixed rate of 8 percent per year on a 5 year basis; and in favor of the Banque International de Luxembourg for the financing of $3,593,567 and respective interests at a LIBOR [London Interbank Offer Rate] rate plus 1 and 3/4 percent to be adjusted every 6 months over a 10 year period, which includes a 5 year grace period, according to the payment agreements established between the parties.

The decree was being kept secret until a few days ago while the arrangement with the Bolivian Central Bank and the comptroller's office were being made. The Belgian company's representative in this capital asserted that the deal is still being arranged and it was hoped that it would be settled in 2 or 3 weeks time.

Deal Reportedly Canceled

PY211940 Santiago Chile Domestic Service in Spanish 2300 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] According to information published in the La Paz daily EL MERIDIANO today, the Belgian Government has reneged on selling 70 F-104 [as heard] planes to the Bolivian Government. The daily attributes this information to reliable sources of the Bolivian Central Bank which was supposed to endorse the deal, which amounted to approximately $70 million.

The daily points out that the shortage of foreign exchange in the country in addition to the general economic crisis are the responsible factors for the failure of the deal. It points out that the intention to purchase 70 aircraft from Belgium has reportedly delayed the negotiations being carried out at the highest level with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The government has been negotiating a $220 million stand-by loan with the IMF.

SARAIVA COMMENTS ON FORTHCOMING CANCUN MEETING

PY201400 Paris AFP in Spanish 1905 GMT 19 Oct 81

[Text] Brasilia, 19 Oct (AFP) -- Brazilian Foreign Minister Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro, who will represent his country at the Cancun summit that starts on Thursday, said today that Brazil does not wish to see a confrontation between the entire world and the United States.

He added that the fact that some industrialized countries have maintained an open position is a sign that there will be no confrontation between groups at the meeting.

He said that France is maintaining a positive position and that some developing countries share the same point of view on certain issues, for example regarding the establishment of an energy development agency linked to the World Bank. He added, however, that obsolete French industries are upholding the same position of other developed countries regarding protectionism.

The Brazilian foreign minister also noted that a consensus on certain issues may be achieved in Cancun particularly on the priority need of establishing a dialogue and on recognizing the interdependence of interests of all countries. He noted that it is possible that a measure against protectionism may be adopted in Cancun and that the need to strengthen multilateral institutions and World Bank financing may also be noted.

PETROBRAS, PEMEX, PETROVEN FORM JOINT VENTURE

PY201930 Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 19 Oct 81 p 1

[Text] A trinational enterprise made up of the state petroleum companies of Brazil, Venezuela and Mexico will be created within 90 days with the objective of hunting for petroleum in Latin American countries. Mines and Energy Minister Cesar Cals has stated that the hunt for petroleum is the main objective of the agreement signed in Caracas last week with his Venezuelan and Mexican counterparts.

PETROBRAS [Brazilian Petroleum Corporation], Pemex [Mexican Petroleum] and PETROVEN [Venezuelan Petroleum, Inc] will form an association for prospecting for petroleum, but Cals stated that the trinational company will also be capable of operating refineries in the three countries. In Caracas, Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins termed the agreement for the formation of the trinational state enterprise as being "really very important."

FIESP PRESIDENT SAYS LAYOFFS WILL CONTINUE

PY201815 Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 17 Oct 81 p 1

[Excerpt] Luis Eulalio de Bueno Vidigal Filho, president of the Sao Paulo State Federation of Industries [FIESP] has stated in Sorocaba (Sao Paulo) that new layoffs, especially in the automobile industry will take place again this year. He added that the reduction of work hours, "an alleviating solution adopted by the industry to avoid layoffs, should no longer be adopted."

Vidigal added: The reduction of working hours only postpones layoffs. We are facing a recession and there is no use in adopting it. He denied that FIESP is trying to renew the appeal to companies to avoid layoffs: "Under what pretext should we do that? Nothing encourages our doing this." Vidigal feels that the entrepreneurs are still at the bottom of the well and that the enterprises have no alternative but to lay off workers.

While regretting the crisis of the Brazilian economy, Vidigal praised the fact that the government finally recognized and accepted, a year late, the figures presented by FIESP. He stated: "As of now, not even the most skeptical persons will doubt our figures." Regarding 1982, he feels that "it will not have a different profile," except that the problems "will be treated in a more orderly manner."

Entrepreneurs and officials from the Sao Paulo Finance Secretariat feel that the government underestimated the economic crisis, insisting it was only a regional and sectorial problem affecting only the automobile industries and taking place only in Sao Paulo.

GENERAL WERNER DEFENDS WEAPONS PRODUCTION INCREASE

PY211130 Paris AFP in Spanish 2214 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Sao Paulo, 20 Oct (AFP) -- Gen Alacyr Frederico Werner, armed forces chief of staff [EMF], defended the increase in production and export of Brazilian weapons here today. Without giving figures, Werner stated that the Brazilian weapons industry is slowly but surely catching up with the countries with more advanced technology.

He stated that a large portion of the export revenues of countries such as the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Great Britain and Italy come from weapons sales.

Finally, General Werner expressed hope of seeing Brazil included in that group, thanks to the appropriate use of its natural resources and of the technology it is developing in the materiel sector.

PMDB REJECTS QUADROS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

PY211125 Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese 0200 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] The Brazilian Democratic Mobilization Party [PMDB] rejected former President Janio Quadros' application for membership, by a vote of 13 to 2. Sao Paulo Senator Orestes Quercia and former Deputy Alencar Furtado voted in Quadros' favor.

FORMER COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY UNDERGOES SURGERY

PY201803 Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese 1600 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Luis Carlos Prestes, former Brazilian Communist Party secretary general, is about to leave the Rio de Janeiro Samaritan Hospital after undergoing a prostate gland operation.

COUNTERTERRORIST, ANTISUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY CONTINUES

Arrest of Extremist Collaborators

PY201158 Santiago Chile Domestic Service in Spanish 1000 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Two individuals who collaborated with their extremist brother have been arrested in Neltume. The government Social Communications Agency (DINACOS) has reported that (Jaime Adamias) and (Miguel Cesar Duran Delgado) have been arrested. The two are brothers of extremist (Enrique Duran Delgado) who is a fugitive. This man has been identified as one of the subversives who accompanied terrorist [name indistinct] during a confrontation with security forces on 15 October.

It has been reported that (Jaime Adamias) and (Miguel Cesar), currently under arrest, collaborated with their brother (Enrique) to help him escape. They gave him clothing, food and money. The arrested persons indicated that they met with the fugitive on two occasions, on 19 September and 10 October. The two brothers have been placed in the custody of the military court.

Death of Terrorist Leader

PY161733 Santiago Chile Domestic Service in Spanish 1630 GMT 16 Oct 81

[Text] The chief of the Neltume terrorist escalation has been killed. He was killed early this morning during the course of an armed confrontation between extremists and carabineros. The person involved is (Miguel Fernandez) or (Juan Carlos Miranda Torres), alias (El Paine). His common law wife, (Luisa), a French doctor and four subversives were able to escape from the police forces in the hilly area in the neighborhood of Valdivia.

Confirmation of Sentence

PY201624 Santiago Chile EL MERCURIO in Spanish 11 Oct 81 p 1

[Excerpts] Brig Gen Osvaldo Hernandez, commander of the 2d Army Division, yesterday confirmed all parts of the verdict passed by the court-martial last Friday midnight, by which the extremist Guillermo Rodriguez Morales was sentenced to life imprisonment. He made his decision after spending all yesterday morning studying the dossier comprising the investigation made by the prosecutor Juan Carlos Manns and the sentence passed by the court martial after a 15-hour session in the conference room of the Tacna regiment in Santiago.

The document contains 19 charges and, in addition to sentencing Rodriguez Morales to life imprisonment, it deprives him forever of the right to hold public posts and to exercise his political rights. The extremist will serve his sentence at the Santiago Social Rehabilitation Center (the former penitentiary), since he has been found guilty of murdering Carlos Tapia Barraza, a National Intelligence Center official.

The military judge's confirmation of the court-martial's sentence has closed the case of Guillermo Rodriguez Morales.

Arrest of Subversives

PY201824 Santiago Chile Domestic Service in Spanish 1630 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Carabineros arrested three individuals, including a woman when they were collecting money and distributing phamplets in this capital. They are (Hector Riquelme), 22 years of age; (Enrique Rojas Urzua), 27 years of age; and (Mirian Vergara), 24 years.

They were arrested at the corner of Toro Zambrano and Alvarez de Toledo Streets while collecting money on behalf of coal miners and distributing pamphlets of subversive nature.

Carabineros reported that the three individuals -- before going to collect the money -- held a meeting in the San Cayetano Chapel where they decided to collect the money allegedly in support of the miners. It has also been reported that an investigation is being carried out concerning the involvement of these individuals in an attack that took place in the La Granja community where unidentified individuals threw a bomb and pamphlets. The woman is being held in the custody of the Interior Ministry at the first Carabineros precinct and the other two are being held at the sixth precinct.

PRC DELEGATION ARRIVES, MEETS WITH MINISTER

PY161756 Santiago Chile Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish 0013 GMT 9 Oct 81

[Text] The main objective of the PRC trade mission headed by PRC Vice Minister of Machine Building Yang Keng is the promotion of bilateral exchange, especially in the area of heavy industrial machinery. The PRC mission, which is made up of 16 persons, has met with Agriculture Minister Jose Luis Toro.

PRC MINISTER'S VISIT CONFIRMED; MUSICIANS ARRIVE

PY201755 Santiago Chile Domestic Service in Spanish 1630 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] The PRC Ambassador to Santiago (Zheng Weng Jing) has confirmed that PRC Foreign Minister Huang Hua, has been invited to visit Chile. He explained, however, that a date for the visit has not yet been set.

The PRC ambassador made these remarks at the conclusion of a meeting with Col (Fernando Arancibia), vice minister of foreign relations. (Zheng Weng Jing) headed a delegation of Chinese musicians who came to greet the vice minister. The musicians are soloists from a Beijing musical group. The musicians are touring the country as part of a tour of this continent. They will play in Santiago, Concepcion, Vina del Mar, Talca, La Serena, Pucon and Villarrica.

BRIEFS

WHO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- Health Minister Rear Adm Hernan Rivera has reported that Chile has been unanimously designated to preside over the Executive Board of the Pan American Health Organization, and that a majority vote has been cast to support Chile's candidacy for the WHO Executive Committee. [Santiago Chile Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish 0013 GMT 9 Oct 81 PY]

SENATE DENIES RATIFICATION TO AMBASSADORS

PY212049 Paris AFP in Spanish 0402 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Lima, 20 Oct (AFP) -- It was reported here tonight that the Peruvian Senate today refused to ratify in their posts the ambassadors accredited to the Philippines, Poland, Bulgaria and Hungary.

It confirmed, however, the Peruvian ambassadors to Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Italy and India.

The Senate is reviewing all the ambassadors appointed by the previous military regime and also by the government of President Fernando Belaunde. In order to be ratified, an ambassador must receive at least 31 votes, that is, 50 percent plus 1 of the 60 senators.

Daily Regrets Rejection

PY211640 Lima EXPRESO in Spanish 9 Oct 81 p 18

[Editorial: "A Shameful Maneuver"]

[Text] The Senate has just reconfirmed in their posts 20 Peruvian ambassadors who had been appointed during the past military regime.

But in a shameful and surprising maneuver -- no other term can be used to describe this action -- only one of the two appointments made by the present government has been confirmed. What is more, these two appointments had been previously confirmed at the proper time by the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee.

Moreover, the APRA [American Revolutionary Popular Alliance] congressional spokesman has noted that APRA voted in favor of these two appointments. This only makes more obvious the regrettable situation that has put Peru in a difficult diplomatic position.

Those who have voted against these appointments and who have plotted this dangerous and regrettable show of political force have sacrificed in an irresponsible manner the irreproachable diplomatic career of a man who has served his country and who as UN deputy secretary general has honored that international forum and our nation.

Fortunately, Ambassador Javier Perez de Cuellar is above all intrigues of political cliques. Unfortunately for Peru, however, his not being confirmed as Peruvian ambassador to Brazil is a serious error. The persons who are responsible for the error should be duly punished.

BRIEFS

FUEL PRICE READJUSTMENT -- Lima, 28 Sep (AFP) -- It was reported here today that the Peruvian Government has decreed an increase in the prices of gasoline and other fuels ranging from 10 to 11 percent. [Paris AFP in Spanish 1410 GMT 28 Sep 81 PY]

POPULATION FIGURES -- Lima, 5 Oct (AFP) -- It was reported here today that according to the preliminary results of the general population census that was carried out on 12 July 1981, the population has been growing at the annual rate of 2.6 percent since 1972 and has now reached 17,031,221 as compared to 13,538,200 in 1972. [Paris AFP in Spanish 1713 GMT 5 Oct 81 PY]

PATROL BOATS -- Lima, 10 Oct (AFP) -- President Fernando Belaunde today presided over the ceremony commissioning two patrol boats into the navy. They were built at the navy's shipyard in Chimbote. [Paris AFP in Spanish 0101 GMT 11 Oct 81 PY]

PRESIDENT HERRERA LEAVES FOR CANCUN SUMMIT

PA211653 Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish 1614 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Caracas, 21 Oct (LATIN-REUTER) -- Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins left today for Mexico to participate in the North-South summit meeting which begins tomorrow at the Cancun beach resort.

From Mexico, the Venezuelan president will leave for China and India on an official visit.

He was seen off at Simon Bolivar International Airport by Foreign Minister Rafael Montes de Oca, who will be acting president in his absence.

In a speech last night, Herrera stated that the Cancun meeting "is a historic opportunity to discuss at the highest political level and in a frank and open manner the problems which affect the international economic relations and to study alternatives of solution."

He added that "we participants face an extraordinary challenge. What is sought is to arouse the conscience of the international community and the best of men's talents toward the sincere search for in-depth solutions to the crisis of the world economy."

KOREA-VENEZUELA ECONOMIC TALKS OPEN IN CARACAS

SK200652 Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English 20 Oct 81 p 7

[Text] The second joint meeting of the Korea-Venezuela, Venezuela-Korea Economic Cooperation Councils opened Monday (Oct. 19) in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, to discuss ways of expanding two-way trade between Korea and the Latin American nation.

In the private-level bilateral meeting, which will last until Friday, Korea is represented by a 24-man delegation led by U Yong-hae, chairman of the Korea-Venezuela Economic Cooperation Council and chairman of the Ssangyong Business Group, and the 40-man Venezuelan delegation is headed by Emilio Conde Javn, chairman of the Chamber of Industry of Caracas.

High on the agenda are the matters of Korea participating in the development of Venezuelan resources and of joint ventures in such promising areas as electric and electronic products, textiles, paper making, cement, chemical fertilizer, fishing nets and rope, tires and tubes, aluminum, oil tankers, oil iron ore, coal and electric cable between the two countries.

In the first joint meeting held Sep. 5 1980 in Seoul under the sponsorship of the Korean Traders Association (KTA) the two sides agreed to exert joint efforts for the expansion of trade and economic cooperation between the two countries, taking heed of the fact that a combination of the competitive advantages inherent in the economies of the two nations could contribute to strengthening the competitiveness of their industries.

DELEGATION BEGIN TO ARRIVE FOR CANCUN MEETING

Tanzanian President's Arrival

PA202304 Paris AFP in Spanish 0253 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Cancun, Mexico, 19 Oct (AFP) -- Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere arrived here today at 2035 (0135 GMT) to attend the summit of 22 presidents who will meet on 22 and 23 October to seek a formula by which to reactivate the North-South dialogue.

He is the first chief of state or government to arrive at Cancun, but he is leading the second delegation to arrive. The Ivory Coast delegation, led by Foreign Minister Simeon Ake, arrived today at noon.

The other chiefs of state or government, or their representatives -- as is the case with Austria, the Federal Republic of Germany, Brazil and Bangladesh -- will arrive on 20 and 21 October.

Nigerian President's Arrival

AB211104 Lagos Domestic Service in English 0600 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] President Shehu Shagari has arrived in Cancun, Mexico, for the North-South summit which begins in the Mexican island tomorrow. President Shagari was received at the airport by the president of the host country, Mr Lopez Portillo, after which he inspected a guard of honor mounted by a detachment of the Mexican military guards. A radio Nigeria correspondent covering the summit, Mohamed Okorejo, says the Nigerian leader who was accompanied by a (?bumper) team of ministers and advisers was among the first five heads of state to arrive last night for the conference.

Other world leaders who have already arrived in Mexico are those from Tanzania, Algeria, China and Yugoslavia. The summit is expected to deliberate on several world issues including the disparity between developed and developing nations.

Austrian Delegation's Arrival

FL202226 Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish 2158 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Cancun, Quintana Roo, 20 Oct (NOTIMEX) -- The Austrian delegation that will participate in the international meeting on cooperation and development arrived on this island today at 1230 local time (1830 GMT). The delegation is headed by Foreign Minister Willibald Pahr. Quintana Roo State Governor Pedro Joaquin Coldswell welcomed the delegation in the name of the Mexican Government. Pahr, who is representing Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, received head of state honors at the Cancun International Airport.

The Austrian delegation consists of Finance Minister Herbert Salcher; State Minister (Adolf Nussbaumer); the director of the office for economic policy, (Georg Reisch); and the chancellor's assistants for foreign affairs, George Lennkh and (Babrele Hoglzer). Others accompanying the delegation are Austrian Ambassador to Mexico Alfred Missong and Ambassador (Peter Jankowitsch.

Austria is the co-organizer, with Mexico, of the North-South meeting. As reported earlier, Chancellor Kreisky was unable to come to Cancun because of health problems.

More Arrivals

PA211350 Paris AFP in Spanish 0449 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Mexico City, 20 Oct (AFP) -- The leaders of Algeria, China, the Philippines, Nigeria and Yugoslavia arrived this afternoon in Cancun to participate in the summit meeting over the North-South dialogue. The meeting will take place on 22 and 23 October.

The chiefs of state from these five countries of the economic south were greeted at the airport by Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo who arrived at the site where the meeting will take place at 1800 (0000 GMT).

The first to be welcomed was Chadli Bendjedid, president of Algeria; later came Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang. A few minutes later Sergej Kraigher, president of Yugoslavia arrived. Then Shehu Shagari, president of Nigeria, arrived. Finally, Ferdinand Marcos, president of the Philippines, arrived.

With these arrivals, 9 of the 22 chiefs of state and government scheduled to participate in the meeting have already arrived. The leaders of the Ivory Coast and Tanzania arrived on the 19th and the Austrian leader arrived in the morning of the 20th.

According to sources close to the conference, the nine chiefs of state of the delegations already in Cancun will hold an official meeting tonight to restate their common points of view and to finetune a common strategy.

The chiefs of state of Venezuela, India, the United States, Guyana, Sweden, Great Britain, Japan, France and Canada, and the representatives of the chiefs of state and Governments of Brazil, the FRG and Bangladesh, as well as the secretary general of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, are expected to arrive tomorrow.

JUSTICE MINISTER DENIES PRESENCE OF CUBAN GUERRILLAS

PA210333 Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish 2245 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Minister of Government and Justice Jorge Eduardo Ritter has denied information in a WALL STREET JOURNAL editorial that reports that Castroite guerrillas are in the Panamanian jungles.

[Begin recording] [Question] Just yesterday, Mr Minister, AP quoted an editorial in the U.S. finance newspaper, WALL STREET JOURNAL, that states that Castroite guerrillas are campaigning in the Panamanian jungles and that the big prize for them would be the Panama Canal. What have you to say about this?

[Answer] First of all, the report is completely untrue. Although the international news agency quotes the U.S. newspaper WALL STREEET JOURNAL, it is evident that this report originated in Panama from persons and media interested in disparaging our country and in creating confusion among the citizens. The device used -- and it is not the first time that it has been used among us -- is that of producing a report and then getting this report published in the United States. Thus, when it is published in Panama, it is attributed to a U.S. source and not to the source that really originated it here. This is a way of washing one's hands, bv saying that it was published in the United States and only reproduced here.

I repeat, this is not the first case. We already know of several cases in which the Miami HERALD published reports that originated in many circles, specifically in the Inter-American Press Association [IAPA], and that contained false information about our country. Later, after the information is received, it results in resolutions condemning our country. In practice, it is published in Panama as what the IAPA says, when in fact the false report originated right here in our own country.

[Question] Mr Minister, as I understand it, you are apparently suggesting that opposition groups are using a mechanism that even reaches the editorials of such important dailies as the WALL STREET JOURNAL in the United States?

[Answer] That is exactly what I am suggesting -- what I am declaring, rather than suggesting. We cannot but say that in effect, groups in Panama, persons very close to the U.S. information media, have succeeded in getting these media to publish false reports about our countries. If you review the number of cables recently arriving about our country, all of them supposedly originated abroad. But everything refers to information and details that must have originated in Panama.

[Question] Going back to the original question about this report appearing in an editorial in a well-known U.S. newspaper, your accusation is so serious that I must ask you the following: Will Panama sue the WALL STREET JOURNAL for this type of false accusation?

[Answer] We are going to file a formal protest with this U.S. newspaper over the publication of this report. Our country has frequently been the object of serious and unfounded accusations. Personalities of our country have also been unfairly accused of certain acts, which could lead to a lawsuit for the publication of false news.

I really don't think it is appropriate at this time to announce a lawsuit against the newspaper, against the WALL STREET JOURNAL, but I do think -- and we will be doing this -- that it is necessary to file a protest and to make some explanations to this paper, so that both its readers and Panamanian citizens will know that false news cannot be accepted by any serious media. And if such news is repeated in publications in Panama, we must also deny it here.

[Question] Mr Minister, will your ministry reveal the proof it has of the mechanism being utilized by the opposition for getting reports against Panama published abroad?

[Answer] These revelations will be made in due time. [end recording]

COSTA RICA

GOVERNMENT ASKS NICARAGUA TO FREE BUSINESSMEN

PA220325 San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish 0100 GMT 22 Oct 81

[Text] The Costa Rican Government has asked the junta of the Nicaraguan Reconstruction Government to release the business leaders who were arrested today. The government made the request directly to the Nicaraguan Government, rather than using the diplomatic channels of the Nicaraguan ambassador accredited in Costa Rica.

Jose Miguel Alfaro, second vice president and economy minister, said that this is a humanitarian gesture that should in no way be viewed as interference in the domestic affairs of the Republic of Nicaragua.

Alfaro said that although ideological differences separate us from the Nicaraguan Government, we are friendly governments and countries. Therefore, he said, our request falls within the mutual respect that exists between our peoples and governments. The Costa Rican Government's request is based not only on human rights but on its tradition of absolute respect for man's freedom and on its concern over the decision to deprive such a distinguished group of Nicaraguan businessmen of their freedom. At the same time, it stresses the need for everyone to unite in the maintenance of peace, (?work) and justice.

GUATEMALAN UNIVERSITY IN EXILE ESTABLISHED

PA210404 Panama city ACAN in Spanish 0029 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] San Jose, 20 Oct (ACAN-EFE) -- The creation of a "University of Guatemala in Exile" was announced in this capital today. According to its officials, it comprises professionals, students and workers from the University of San Carlos, in Guatemala.

The higher council of the University of Guatemala in Exile, whose members have not yet been revealed, declares that the members of this new institute "are persons who were forced to leave their country due to persecution by several governments and, particularly, in view of the violence exercised by the present regime."

The nature of the new univeristy, the acronym for which is "UG-EX," is described in the university council's declaration, which states that its main purpose is "to promote the revolutionary process and finally consolidate the Guatemalan revolution."

An important part of UG-EX, according to its spokesmen, "will be direct and permanent communication with all universities of the world, to achieve an ever increasing solidarity with the Guatemalan people."

The announcement explains that 20 October has been chosen as the new university's founding date, because on this date the "day of international solidarity with the Guatemalan people" is commemorated throughout the world.

The Guatemalan University students abroad declared that as of this date their work becomes an "organized struggle in support of the revolution."

EL SALVADOR

LEGAL AID OFFICE ANNOUNCES 10,700 DEATHS IN 1981

PA211853 Paris AFP in Spanish 1747 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] Mexico City, 20 Oct (AFP) -- The Salvadoran Legal Aid Office announced here today that between January and September 1981, almost 10,700 persons died in the violence in El Salvador.

The organization indicated that "the joint forces of the army, national police and treasury police were mainly responsible for 6,514 of these murders." The office said that paramilitary groups bearing no identification "have killed 3,780 persons." Those killed were mainly peasants, students, workers and businessmen. The Legal Aid Office indicated that 5,128 of the victims were registered as having no known profession.

VENCEREMOS REPORTS RECENT FMLN ACTIVITIES

San Esteban Catarina Occupied

PA210346 (Clandestine) Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador 1200 GMT 20 Oct 81

[FMLN war bulletin issued by Commanders (Goyo) and (Oscar) from the Anastasio Aquino paracentral front -- live relay]

[Text] At 1230 on 18 October, an FMLN company led by Commander (Adan) occupied part of the village of San Esteban Catarina, San Vicente Department, after attacking the enemy's garrisons. The operation began at [words indistinct] when 10 revolutionary squads launched a skillful attack against the enemy. Once our forces seized the people's territory, they proceeded to set up barricades. We opened fire on the enemy with a TG-2 bazooka blast. Rifles, homemade grenades and machineguns were also used in the attack against the enemy's positions in the village. Our revolutionary forces soon occupied the positions held by the soldiers and paramilitary forces. After a frontal attack at close range, which lasted about 20 minutes, the civilians [words indistinct] ran for cover, abandoning the trenches. The first civil guard garrison was occupied following this attack [words indistinct] the main headquarters was abandoned by the dictatorship's soldiers. The enemy's position was reduced to less than a manzana. When 90 percent of the village was occupied by our fighters, they occupied the National Telecommunications Administration, ANTEL, office and damaged some of the communications equipment. A militia unit broke into a store owned by a woman accused of being reactionary and of collaborating with the enemy. A total of 99 pairs of shoes, 40 yds of material and a large quantity of clothes were taken from the store and will be used to clothe a number of FMLN soldiers.

The enemy's reinforcements, consisting of two trucks loaded with soldiers and an armored car, arrived at 0500, but were repelled by our forces' heavy fire, which lasted until 0530. Our forces were ordered to withdraw after the main objectives of the operation had been accomplished, with the balance in our favor. Companero (Joaquin), one of our outstanding fighters, was wounded in the action. He is now receiving proper medical care. We could not determine the enemy's casualties.

United to fight until final victory!
Revolution or death, we will win!

Eastern Front War Bulletin

PA212203 (Clandestine) Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador 1200 GMT 20 Oct 81

[FMLN war bulletin from the Francisco Sanchez eastern front -- live relay]

[Text] At 0845 on (?Friday, 16 October), a barricade was erected between [words indistinct], completely halting traffic. At 2345 on the same day, a barricade was set up to cut off the highway and four high tension towers were knocked down, leaving the town of San Francisco Gotera and towns north of it without electricity.

At 0530 on the day, a squad of FMLN fighters under Companero (Dulf) set up a barricade on the stretch of the Pan-American Highway between San Miguel and San Salvador, at the site known as (El Orajuelo). Traffic was stopped for several hours, after which our forces withdrew without problems.

At 2040 on Sunday, 18 October, our forces launched an attack on an enemy position in the town of Torola. The enemy consisted of combined military and paramilitary forces. They were caught by surprise by our heavy artillery fire and lost one man. Our forces withdrew in an orderly manner, without problems.

On Saturday, 17 October, FMLN squads attacked the enemy post that guards the Radio Nacional repeater at km 18 on the Pan-American Highway. In this action, two were killed and several were injured. Our companeros withdrew without difficulty.

At 0600 on Sunday, 18 October, our military forces and organized masses erected barricades, using four vans with flat tires, at the La Ceiba turnoff on the Pan-American Highway. This interrupted traffic for a long time, since the enemy forces did not appear at the site.

On the same day at 0720, FMLN forces ambushed 25 treasury policemen, members of the repressive army, who were in a privately owned truck on their way from Tierra Blanca to San Marcos Lempa. The ambush took place near km 82 on the coastal highway, exactly 3 km from the Oro Bridge.

Our forces attacked the enemy using a [word indistinct] mine and rifle fire. The action lasted approximately 10 minutes. Caught by surprise, the enemy responded weakly. We concentrated our fire on the truck, which, after being hit by the mines, swerved off the highway and stopped some 300 meters from the site. Only some six soldiers began to retreat, in complete disorder. When the attack ended, the enemy had sustained an undetermined number of casualties. Our companeros withdrew without sustaining any casualties.

At 0545 on Monday, 19 October, an FMLN squad staged an attack on the enemy posts in the town of Joateca, Morazan. During this operation, the enemy sustained one dead and several injured. For our part, the companeros withdrew without incident.

BRIEFS

FMLN COMMUNICATIONS COURSE -- On 8 October, 35 companeros of our popular army graduated from a communications course. This is one of several courses given at the Commander Federico Military Instruction School, which functions in this controlled territory on Guazapa Hill. [Excerpt] [Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador 1200 GMT 14 Oct 81 PA]

NICARAGUA

GOVERNMENT ARRESTS COSEP, COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS

4 COSEP Leaders Arrested

PA212308 Managua Radio Corporacion in Spanish 1200 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Orion Elfirio Pastora report]

[Text] Four leaders of the Higher Council of Private Enterprise [COSEP] were arrested last night by state security forces. Initial reports indicate that several militarymen aboard a vehicle arrested Enrique Bolanos (Galler), director of the Chamber of Industry, after searching his house. We have been told that the captors did not resort to violence.

This morning the wife of Benjamin Lanza [leader of the Chamber of Construction] told this station that at around midnight her husband was told to get dressed because he was under arrest. Mrs Lanza said that her husband's captors identified themselves as members of state security. She said that she was not told where her husband was being taken.

We have also learned that Enrique Dreyfus Morales, COSEP president, was captured in his house late last night. As with the other cases, his family was not told to which prison center he was being taken.

We have just been told that Gilberto Cuadra, president of the Confederation of Nicaraguan Professional Associations, CONAPRO, has been arrested in the same way as the others. The only difference in these cases is that only the house of Bolanos (Galler) was searched by the state security members.

The four men arrested last night all signed the document in which COSEP analyzed the country's situation, as a result of speeches and statements by the commanders of the revolution during the events intended to repudiate the Hawk View maneuvers.

Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins learned early this morning about the arrests of the COSEP leaders. Yesterday afternoor, Ramiro Gurdian, president of the Union of Agricultural and Livestock Producers of Nicaragua, UPANIC; and Jaime Montealegre Lacayo, COSEP director, left for Venezuela to attend an inter-American conference in Caracas.

Gurdian was notified of the arrests at dawn and immediately contacted Venezuelan President Herrera Campins, who is a friend of the Nicaraguan private sector and of the Nicaraguan Government. The Venezuelan president's specific reply has not been disclosed but it has been indicated that the president deplored the situation of the Nicaraguan private enterprise leaders.

The COSEP delegates in Venezuela said that the arrests will be reported to the international organizations to which COSEP belongs. They are currently attending an inter-American congress in Caracas.

Government Reports 26 Arrests

PA220148 Managua Radio Corporacion in Spanish 2300 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Communique issued by Nicaraguan Interior Ministry Information and Press Secretariat on 21 October in Managua -- read by announcer]

[Text] The Information and Press Secretary of the Interior Ministry informs the Nicaraguan people that the following persons have been arrested for violating the economic and social emergency law, Decree 812, published in GAZETTE No 25 on 16 September 1981: Enrique Dreyfus Morales, Benjamin Lanza, Enrique Bolanos, Gilberto Cuadra Solorzano, Eli Altamirano Perez [secretary general of the Communist Party], (Pablo Rayo Alvarez), (Pedro Pablo Madrigal Silva), (Grantes Dontes Moza), (Efrain Picado Tellez), (Alfonso Estrada), (Yamilet Bolivar Madrigal), (Ana Salvatierra), (Heberto Gomez Castillo), (Idelbrando Gonzalez), (Cesar Vidal), (Aquiles Cruz), (Alfredo Ramon Lopez Hernandez), (Emilio Jose Marquez Acuna), (Yaver Sanchez Valladares), (Fernando Gomez Loquis), (Tomas Florez Torres), (Santos Sanchez Picado), (Nicasion Zeledon), (Carlos Ramos), (Ivan Ayerbe) and (Noel Berrio).

Managua, 21 October 1981
Interior Ministry Information and Press Secretariat

COSEP Appoints Emergency Board

PA220333 Managua Radio Corporacion in Spanish 2300 GMT 21 Oct 81

[By Orion Elpidio Pastora]

[Text] The Higher Council of Private Enterprise, COSEP, appointed an emergency board of directors this afternoon. The decision was reached at a COSEP directors meeting, which was held to analyze the situation that has arisen as a result of recent events affecting the organization. The members of COSEP's new board are Alejandro Bolanos, of the Chamber of Commerce; Pedro Cuadra, of the Chamber of Construction; Ernesto Salazar, of the Union of Nicaraguan Agricultural and Livestock Producers, UPANIC; Federico Lang, of the Chamber of Industries; Dr Ernesto Palacio, of the Nicaraguan Development Institute, INDE; and Dr (Ronaldo Calonge), of the Confederation of Nicaraguan Professional Associations, CONAPRO.

Attorneys (Antonio Tijerino Medrano) and (Guillermo Vargas Sandino) were hired this morning for the defense of the four colleagues; they will immediately present their case on behalf of their clients in the Court of Appeals in Masaya.

At approximately 1700, COSEP members were gathering again to continue their analysis of the present situation. COSEP has already informed several Latin American sectors about what has occurred. Contacts have been made with the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Venezuela, FEDECAMARA; several private enterprise federations in Central America; the International Labor Organization; the Inter-American Human Rights Commission; National Association of Private Enterprise of El Salvador, ANEP; the Coordinating Committee of Farming, Commercial and Financial Associations, CACIF, of Guatemala; the Costa Rican Union Chambers and Associations of Private Enterprise; the Honduran Private Enterprise Council, COHEP; the (Latin American Industrialists Association); the Council of the Americas, an organization related to U.S. private enterprise; the Inter-American Council of Commerce and Production, IACCP; and the (Mexican Business Council).

At 1800, CONAPRO, UPANIC, the Confederation of Chambers of Commerce and their organizations were holding meetings to analyze the situation and probably to reach some decisions.

COSEP, OTHER STATE COUNCIL MEMBERS LOSE IMMUNITY

PA212258 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 1800 GMT 21 Oct 81

[(Freddy Lopez Quiroz) report from State Council's regular session No 22; held at the State Council building -- live]

A subject being debated since just a few minutes ago in the State Council, one that is very important, is the letter issued by the junta of the Government of National Reconstruction asking for the suspension of the immunity privileges of Jaime Bengochea, of the Chamber of Industries; Reynado Hernandez Rueda, of the Confederation of Chambers of Commerce of Nicaragua; Allan Zambrana Salmeron and (Roberto Moreno Cajinas), of the Labor Action and Unity Federation, CAUS; and (Oscar Jalum), of the Nicaraguan Democratic Movement. The junta of the Government of National Reconstruction is asking that the immunity privileges of these persons be suspended because they violated the economic and social emergency law. Companero Federico Lopez, FSLN representative to the State Council, indicated that the FSLN has asserted that members of the Higher Council of Private Enterprise, COSEP; and of the Labor Action and Unity Federation, CAUS, violated the law, with the intention of altering the course of our revolutionary process. Following is Companero Federico Lopez' statement:

[Begin recording] We must admit that this communique [reference to COSEP document issued 19 October and addressed to Commander of the Revolution Daniel Ortega] conveys the decision by private enterprise to end all possibilities of participation in the reconstruction of our country, by insulting the FSLN and the revolutionary government. In addition, COSEP's political clique is trying to deny in the communique what in fact has been the expressed will of the leadership of the revolution, which has been to guarantee political freedom, even for those who offered up no victims and made no sacrifice in the struggle against the Somozist dictatorship. The right to talk freely about politics and to make use of the media has been guaranteed, even to the opposition sectors of private enterprise and rightist political parties. They should not complain, for the communique was published by LA PRENSA with a big build-up and with enough time to have been read by rightist radio stations and unpatriotic sectors. Nor can they complain about the transnational media, which operate freely in our country and which convey their views against the revolutionary process abroad. Finally, neither can they complain of a lack of political freedom, because they are officially represented at the State Council, although they do not deserve it. [end recording]

This was a portion of Companero Federico Lopez' statements, in which, among other things, he accuses the COSEP communique of presenting a misconception of the Sandinist reality. This is all there is to report for the time being. Directly from the State Council, this was (Freddy Lopez Quiroz).

This is a last-minute report for the Atabal Sandinista revolutionary newscast. Some 5 minutes ago, the State Council, representing the people, passed a resolution dealing with the members of COSEP who signed a document violating the national economic and social emergency law and the public security law.

The State Council unanimously approved the cancellation of rights and privileges of and the presentation of a suit against COSEP leaders Reinaldo Hernandez, representative of the Nicaraguan Chamber of Commerce; and Jaime Bengoechea, of the Nicaraguan Chamber of Industries.

The State Council, the council of the people, is discussing at this moment the cancellation of rights and privileges of two CAUS representatives promoted by the Communist Party. The cancellation of their rights and privileges has been requested because of the publication of an unrealistic pamphlet on what occurs in the revolutionary process.

The pamphlet also violates the economic and social emergency law, according to statements from the people, the Sandinist Defense Committees, the Sandinist Youth, the Luisa Amanda Espinoza Women's Association and the National Union of Farmers and Cattlemen [UNAG]. A UNAG companero said today that the State Council should even eliminate the place that the people gave them with their victory and sacrifice, that their right to be represented there at the peoples' council should be eliminated. [Passage indistinct].

4 Members Taken to Military Hq

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[Text] After a debate that ended at 1400 this afternoon, the State Council voted in favor of stripping Allan Zambrana Salmeron, Labor Action and Unity Federation representative; and (Roberto Moreno Cajinas), representative of the Communist Party of Nicaragua, of their immunity privileges. The State Council Secretariat received a statement from the junta of the Government of National Reconstruction requesting this action against Zambrana and (Moreno). Once deprived of their immunity privileges, Zambrana and (Moreno) were taken to military headquarters.

The State Council also took similar action against Jaime Bengoechea and Reynaldo Hernandez, private enterprise representatives on the State Council. All four former members of the State Council are accused of violating the economic and social emergency.

SANDINIST LEADERS COMMENT ON COSEP, CAUS

Commander Luis Carrion Cruz

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[Statement by Commander of the Revolution Luis Carrion Cruz, Nicaraguan deputy interior minister, at Heroes and Martyrs Room of the Government House in Managua -- live]

[Text] In accordance with the revolutionary government's decision to enforce the laws it has issued, the Interior Ministry today arrested the following persons, members of the self-styled Communist Party of Nicaragua [PCdeN] and of the Labor Action and Unity Federation, CAUS: Eli Altamirano Perez, (Pablo Rayo Alvarez), (Pedro Pablo Madrigal Silva), (Dompe Boza Orontes), (Efrain Picado Tellez), (Alfonso Estrada), (Yamilet Bonilla Madrigal), (Diana Salvatierra), (Herberto Gomez Castillo), (Idelbrando Gonzalez), (Cesar Vidal Fornos), (Aquiles Cruz), (Alfredo Ramon Lopez Cruz), (Emilio Jose Marquez Acuna), (Yaver Sanchez Valladares), (Fernando Gomez Lotis), Allan Zambrana, (Roberto Moreno), (Nicasio Zeledon) (Carlos Ramos), (Ivan Ayerdis), (Noel Berrios), (Omar Flores Torres) and (Santos Sanchez Picado).

These people are not only responsible for and support the statements issued by CAUS and the PCdeN, in which revolutionary laws are openly violated, but for some time they have been carrying out organized and systematic sabotage activity against the national economy and promoting strikes, work stoppages and land seizures in an open challenge to the revolutionary government. Several companies, such as Fabritex, Textiles Nicarao, the Empresa Bananera de Occidente and others, are practically on the brink of ruin due, to a great extent, to sabotage activity by these people.

The following members of the Higher Council of Private Enterprise, COSEP, were also arrested today: Enrique Dreyfus, Gilberto Cuadra, Benjamin Lanza and Enrique Bolanos. The activity that was expressed in the statement by the COSEP gentlemen corresponds to a plan of provocation drafted days before, which the Sandinist state security learned about. We are fully convinced that this attitude and these activities by domestic reaction are being directed by an embassy in Managua and that they are the result of a plan by international reaction against our revolutionary process.

These activities of both the leftwing and rightwing extremists occur at a time when there are virulent and false campaigns against our country, as a result of its firm position in favor of a political solution for peace in El Salvador and the Central American region. They occur at a time when the threats of aggression against our country worsen and multiply. They occur at a time when there is an intensification of different signs and indications of plans to make attempts against the leaders of our revolution. They occur amid extensive activity by the internal counterrevolution. I will mention some of the activities in October: At 1800 on 2 October, a group of counterrevolutionaries occupied the town of Santa Isabel, 72.5 km west of Leimus, on the banks of the Coco River. At 1800 on 12 October, a group of 20 counterrevolutionaries attacked a militia post in the Las Penitas sector, 50 km east of Yali and about 5 km from Macizos de Penas Blancas, wounding a militiaman.

On 5 October, our armed forces clashed with a band of 10 counterrevolutionaries armed with hunting and military weapons, resulting in the death of eight counterrevolutionaries. At 0840 on 7 October, there was another clash between a unit of our armed forces and a group of counterrevolutionaries in the (Cua) Valley sector, 40 km southeast of Wiwili. Six counterrevolutionaries were killed.

At 0545 on 12 October, 12 counterrevolutionaries dressed in olive green killed a peasant in the northern sector of the San Francisco border post, 10 km southwest of Jalapa. On Monday of this week, a patrol of our border guards clashed in the Las Manos sector with a group of armed counterrevolutionaries who were trying to enter our territory. Two counterrevolutionaries were killed.

Today at 0430 in the area known as El Consuelo, a peasant region 30 km west of Siuna, a group of about eight counterrevolutionaries killed the two Cuban teachers who were mentioned by Commander Daniel Ortega and Nicaraguan peasants (Florentin Castellon Guzman) and (Jesus Castellon Guzman). In other words, these actions show the development of armed counterrevolutionary activity in the interior of the country, which is bravely confronted by our armed forces and by our people, organized in the militias.

In other words, the action of both Eli Altamirano's group and COSEP's group fall within the framework of an aggressive campaign against our revolution, both inside and outside the country.

In accordance with established laws, the revolutionary government has made legitimate use of the right to defend the power achieved with the blood of thousands of heroes and martyrs. That same decision will remain firm in the future for all who don't want to listen to the call for unity, prudence, good sense and who refuse to join the general effort for national reconstruction.

Justice Minister Castillo

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[Statement by Nicaraguan Justice Minister Ernesto Castillo Martinez at Heroes and Martyrs Room of the Government House in Managua -- live]

[Text] The Justice Ministry, fulfilling its duty of insuring compliance with the revolution's laws, analyzed a Labor Action and Unity Federation [CAUS] document, published and distributed under the title: Notes on the Country's Serious Economic Crisis and the Deviation of the Sandinist Revolution, dated 6 October.

The Justice Ministry also analyzed a document published by the Higher Council of Private Enterprise [COSEP], first through Radio Corporacion and then printed in LA PRENSA on 20 October, entitled: COSEP Letter to Daniel Ortega. We found that these documents fall under the sanctions stipulated in the law for the maintenance of order and public security within Decree No 5 of 20 July 1979, and its amendments, particularly those in Article 4, item C, which says: Persons found responsible for publishing, verbally or in writing, statements, proclamations or manifestos that are threatening to the national security and integrity, public security and the national economy will be punished by arrest and by public work from 10 days to 2 years.

The district attorney also felt that the document [not further specified] violates the dispositions contained in the economic and social emergency state law of 2 September 1981, included in Decree 802, which in Article 3, item C, says that persons disseminating false information for the purpose of altering salaries and prices of goods, textiles, merchandise, stocks, deeds and similar things will be punished with imprisonment from 1 to 3 years.

In order to enforce our laws, after having made these analyses, we found that some of the responsible parties enjoyed immunity in accord with Decree No 441. Therefore, the district attorney, in accord with procedures established in this same decree, presented a complaint yesterday before the government junta against four persons who were State Council members. These persons are Jaime Bengochea, Reynaldo Hernandez, Roberto Moreno and Allan Zambrana. The complaint asked the State Council to suspend their immunity. The junta of the Government of National Reconstruction found merit in the complaint. Therefore, it presented and delivered to the State Council, to be analyzed today, both the complaint and the documents supporting the accusation.

In today's session, the State Council, in accord with the same decree and with State Council regulations, proceeded to suspend the immunity of these four persons, so that their responsibility could be determined.

In view of this, the district attorney will, within the respective legal period, present charges against both the former State Council members and the other persons under arrest, whose names have just been revealed by Commander Carrion.

We believe that since the government junta has requested their trial, in accord with the law and the State Council's suspension of their immunity, it is implied that the trial of these persons will be undertaken with absolute respect for the revolutionary government's observance of the law.

We are also analyzing other possible crimes, which can be deduced from the two documents mentioned by Commander Ortega and Commander Carrion.

DANIEL ORTEGA SAYS REACTIONARY FORCES CONVERGING

PA211835 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 1200 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Daniel Ortega, commander of the revolution and coordinator of the junta of the government, has charged that there is a convergence between the national and international reaction.

This convergence is being manifested in news media campaigns abroad and communiques from enterprises inside the country to discredit and destroy the revolutionary process.

Commander Ortega referred specifically to an article published by the Washington POST, a U.S. daily. Commander Ortega said that this article is aimed at creating conditions to justify intervention in El Salvador and an attack on Nicaragua.

The coordinator of the government junta said that these campaigns abroad coincide with local rightist public statements, referring to the letter sent to him by the Higher Council of Private Enterprise, COSEP; and to a position stated by a party that calls itself communist, which has also made statements aimed at destabilizing the revolutionary process.

This is not an accident, Commander Ortega said. We see this as the response of local and international reaction to the whipping that the revolutionary movement has given them with the presentation of the [FMLN] peace proposals at the United Nations.

Commander Ortega said that the European countries are playing an important role and that this role has been made evident with the French-Mexican declaration aimed at securing a political solution to the crisis in the Central American area.

VIOLETA BARRIOS CHAMORRO ON LA PRENSA POLL RESULTS

PA210444 Madrid EFE in Spanish 2318 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Excerpts] Lima, 20 Oct (EFE) -- "Only 30 percent of the Nicaraguan people support the present Sandinist government, while 70 percent disagree with it," the former Nicaraguan governing junta member and widow of journalist Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, Violeta Barrios, said on arrival in Lima today.

She added that those figures were revealed by poll conducted by LA PRENSA, indicating that only 10 percent of Nicaraguans favor the closure of the newspaper, which she noted, has been under increased pressure for the past 3 months.

She also pointed out that the people there are dissatisfied with the way Sandinist government is conducting itself, because it has changed its philosophy since its installation and has now taken on a Marxist-Leninist line.

She noted that LA PRENSA will continue fighting, as it did during the Somoza regime, for freedom of the press in Nicaragua, thus reflecting the criticism and dissent of the government's opposition sectors. "We are not trying to overthrow the government," she added, "but we are fighting for freedom and truth."

ALFONSO ROBELO ACCUSES BAYARDO ARCE OF SLANDER

PA210448 Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish 14 Oct 81 pp 1, 14

[Text] We have received the following telegram:

Lt Michelle Najlis, communications media director, Interior Ministry, Managua:

In the editions of EL NUEVO DIARIO and BARRICADA of today, 12 October 1981, there are statements by Commander Bayardo Arce, and officer with functions within the government party, in which he accuses me of being an imperialist agent. As my only commitment is to the people of Nicaragua and as I do not serve any imperialism, I demand that this officer present concrete proof of his slanderous statements. If he cannot present proof, then I demand that he publicly rectify his statements.

I also ask, in view of these unsustained statements, that you do not close down EL NUEVO DIARIO and BARRICADA, as you did LA PRENSA and Radio Corporacion. I request this because I am a zealous defender of freedom of expression. The people of Nicaragua will be awaiting your diligent efforts.

Sincerely yours, [signed] For fatherland and freedom, Alfonso Robelo Callejas

AGRARIAN COURT MEMBERS, ALTERNATES TO BE SWORN IN

PA201407 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 0300 GMT 20 Oct 81

[Text] The ceremony to swear in the Agrarian Court is planned for tomorrow at 1400. The junta of the Government of National Reconstruction will be in charge of swearing in the members at the Government House. With this step, the law will come fully into effect. This court will hear the cases of people who disagree with the decisions made by the agrarian reform. These courts will be made up of three main members and three alternates. We also want to report that the Agrarian Court will be attached to the junta of the Government of National Reconstruction.

The main members are (Eddy Grijalva), deputy justice minister; (Alfonso Nunez Rodriguez); and (Guerra Molina). The alternate members are (Amada Pineda de Arauz), (Maria Haydee Flores) and (Nemesio Porras Mendieta).

ITALIAN CP MEMBERS ATTENDS STATE COUNCIL MEETING

PA212258 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 1800 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Excerpt] This is a report direct from the State Council building. (Freddy Lopez Quiroz) is speaking.

At the State Council's regular session No 22 being held this Wednesday, 21 October, there is an observer: the Italian Communist Party [PCI] delegation that has come to this parliamentary session. The PCI delegation includes Companero Enrico Berlinguer, secretary general of the party; Antonio Burri, foreign section chief; Renato Sandri, Latin American section chief; (Hugo Balder); Georgio Oldrini; (Vicento Cecci) and (Senso Marini). They were welcomed by Guerrilla Commander Dora Maria Tellez, who has been presiding over this regular session of the State Council.

Enrico Berlinguer said that he was speaking on behalf of 1.7 million militants in his country when he expressed his gratitude. He also acknowledged the advances of the Sandinist people's revolution and the means of pressure that U.S. imperialism uses to oppress this country.

He said that he will inform the men and women of Italy about the achievements of the Sandinist revolution and noted that our revolution has awakened great interest and admiration throughout the world, because of the liberation that has occurred, the new life that the Nicaraguans have and, especially, the revolution's pluralist character.

DELEGATION LEAVES FOR EUROPEAN SOCIALIST MEETINGS

PA212346 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 0300 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] One of the main objectives of the FSLN delegation that left for Spain today to attend the congresses of the socialist parties of Spain, France and the Netherlands will be to offer information on and to defend the proposal for peace in Central America presented by Nicaragua at the United Nations.

Commander of the Revolution Carlos Nunez Tellez, member of the FSLN National Directorate and head of the delegation, said that Nicaragua will try to strengthen its ties of solidarity and brotherhood with those socialist parties and will inform them about the Nicaraguan peace proposal for the Central American area.

We will insist on pointing out how the Central American problems are becoming more acute and will stress the increasing belligerence of the Salvadoran forces, an issue that has been ignored so far, he said.

He added that if the formulas presented by the Salvadoran revolutionary forces are not taken into consideration, the situation will become more complicated, and that for this reason, Nicaragua will seek support for the peace proposal at each of the congresses.

He also referred to a very well-organized propaganda campaign launched by the transnational media against Nicaragua and its proposal for peace, which stirs up reaction, false impressions, slander and accusations against our country.

He added: The Nicaraguan delegation will do all it can to thwart the transnationals' campaign, which, we are sure, has already incited some reaction in Europe.

Commander Nunez accused Jose Esteban Gonzalez, former member of the Nicaraguan Social Christian Party and president of the so-called Human Rights Commission, of being a traitor. In Madrid, Gonzalez recently accused the Sandinist revolution of persecuting the labor unions.

Commander Nunez added that not only did Gonzalez show up in Spain asking that a human rights commission be sent to Nicaragua and that all economic aid to the country be subject to conditions, but he showed up as an exile, though he left the country of his own free will.

Commander Nunez, who is also president of the Nicaraguan State Council and who will be accompanied on the trip by Deputy Commander Rafael Solis and Silvia (McKevan), stressed the fact that this campaign has appeared at the same time and in conjunction with the attitude adopted by Nicaraguan private enterprise and the domestic rightist parties.

He said that he will try to meet with the president of the European Council, to inform him of the true situation in Nicaragua and to express Nicaragua's support for the policies of countries such as France, Holland and Spain, which have expressed their solidarity with Nicaragua and support for peace in Central America.

CDS DELEGATION LEAVES FOR MEETINGS IN CUBA

PA211734 Managua International Service in Spanish 0030 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Guerrilla Commander Leticia Herrera, secretary general of the Sandinist Defense Committees [CDS], is heading a delegation which left for Cuba today. This delegation will represent the CDS in the work sessions of the second congress of its Cuban counterpart, the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution. At the end of this congress, the Nicaraguan delegation will participate in a meeting to be held by the Fronts of the Fatherland of the Socialist Countries in Havana.

DELEGATIONS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE FOR CDR CONGRESS

FL212035 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1907 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Kampuchean Information Minister Chheng Phon has arrived in Havana at the head of a delegation from the People's Republic of Kampuchea to attend the second congress of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution [CDR] opening tomorrow at the Palace of Conventions. (Sidrik Kavan), head of the organization department of the Patriotic National Front's Executive Committee, has arrived from Afghanistan.

Werner Kirchhoff, a member of the National Front Central Committee, and (?Horst Schuetze), member of the National Front Presidium, make up the GDR delegation. (Selvi Lafia), president of Benin's CDR, is heading his country's delegation. (Felipe Changa) and (Amaral Kasse) arrived from Mozambique.

Nicaraguan Delegation's Arrival

FL212302 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 2230 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Commander Leticia Herrera, national coordinator of the Sandinist Defense Committees, has arrived in Havana at the head of Nicaragua's delegation to the second congress of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution [CDR]. The other members of the delegation are (Nora Navas), director for organization, and (Sam Barra), director for social defense affairs. Felipe Suarez, Miquel Conde and (Vicente Castillo), all members of the CDR National Directorate, received the Nicaraguan guests at Jose Marti International Airport in Rancho Boyeros.

RODRIGUEZ HOLDS TALKS WITH PANAMA'S MELO

FL211139 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1100 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, member of Cuba's Communist Party Politburo and vice president of the Councils of State and Ministers, has held talks with Panamanian Minister of Commerce and Industries Arturo Melo. During the meeting, the two leaders exchanged views on the international political and economic situation and, especially, on the economic crisis in underdeveloped countries as well as matters dealing with bilateral relations.

CUBA, GUINEA SIGN COOPERATION AGREEMENT

FL211504 Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish 1230 GMT 21 Oct 81

[Text] Cuba will send a medical brigade to the People's Republic of Guinea in keeping with a cooperation agreement [words indistinct] in Conakry, capital of Guinea. The protocol also includes the training in our country of Guinean technicians and the creation of a Cuban agricultural brigade which will work on two Guinean farms with (?Guinean) workers. The two parties agreed that Cuba will cooperate in [word indistinct], physical education and in economic and cultural areas.

Guinean Minister of International Cooperation Marcel Cros expressed his gratitude to the Cuban authorities, especially to President Fidel Castro, for the Cuban support for Guinea's struggle to overcome underdevelopment.